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Young Afghan Women Get Professional Skills and Diplomas

JALALABAD, AFGHANISTAN — At yesterday's ceremony in Jalalabad, two hundred young women received certificates after completing a six-month English language, computer, and management skills training course funded by USAID. The graduates will use their newly acquired professional skills to enhance their performance in current and future jobs.

Deputy Governor of Nangarhar Mohammad Hanif Gardiwal and other Afghan government and donor community representatives attended the ceremony.

Female staff members from the Nangarhar Directorate of Women Affairs were among the graduates. "This training will play a significant role in the capacity building of women affairs staff. The management skills that they learned in this training will greatly increase their work efficiency," said Nangarhar Director of Women Affairs Anisa Imran.

Students from different high schools in Nangarhar, Laghmann, and Kunar provinces also participated in the training. The students were chosen through a selection test and enrolled based on their ability and interest.

To encourage the long-term continuation of this type of training, USAID provided training material and salaries of the female trainers directly through the Afghan Institute of Business Management, a private educational institution. By training and hiring female trainers, the institute is addressing cultural traditions and helping families feel more at ease sending their girls and women to these training activities. The ultimate goal for the institute is to establish a reputable program for training women, so that students will be encouraged to attend training using their own financial resources.

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